

# Re: Domain Security Policy Versus Domain Controller Security Policy

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Shane wrote:

- > Can someone please give me a clear definition of the difference between
- > Domain Security Policy Versus Domain Controller Security Policy. I'm setting
- > up Audit Policy's and I've set up the same Audit Policy's in Domain Security
- > Policy and Domain Controller Security Policy. Do I need to setup Audit
- > Policy's in both the Domain Security Policy and Domain Controller Security
- > Policy? Am I duplicating event id's?
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- > Thanks,

Domain policies are applied before individual OU policies. An OU policy is the last one to be applied (but you can have multiple OUs and multiple policies per OU). You aren't duplicating events messages because (among other reasons) the policy settings are additive and the last policy that modifies a setting is the one that sticks so defining a setting to have a certain value more than once just means it takes longer to process the settings.

The Domain Controller policy exists to allow you to give special policy settings to your domain controllers that are independent of the rest of your servers and workstations. If you don't really need anything special defined for your domain controllers then the domain policy will suffice however most people at least want certain services not needed on th domain controllers to be turned off but the same ones left on for workstations so the settings for those services in teh domain policy would need to be overridden by settings in the domain controller policy.

hope that helps

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- **References:**

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